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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

VERSCHUEREN, Eric

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The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form 1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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### Copies of the References

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- ☒ Copy of International Search Report in PCT/EP2003/050623 is enclosed.
- ☐ The references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were previously identified in the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references.

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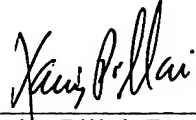
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